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**Subject:** RE: Wording

I like it a lot better. Maybe clarify in the last sentence that effluent limits were only proposed for the parameters covered by TBELs and *E. coli* because DEQ determined they are the only pollutants of concern....

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Russell Creek is within the Little Missouri and Belle Fourche drainages, and the stream classification for Russell Creek is C-3 (ARM 17.30.612). Existing and anticipated uses of Russell Creek and water quality necessary to protect those uses must be maintained. Waters classified C-3 are to be maintained suitable for bathing, swimming, and recreation; for growth and propagation of non-salmonid fishes and associated aquatic life, waterfowl, and furbearers. The quality of C-3 waters is naturally marginal for drinking, culinary, and food processing purposes; and for agriculture, and industrial water supply [ARM 17.30.629(1)]. Russell Creek, at the location of the facility discharge, meets the definition of ephemeral in ARM 17.30.602. The discharge from the facility is small and infiltrates in the ephemeral stretch of Russell before reaching flowing waters. Because the wastewater infiltrates and the Ekalaka wastewater treatment facility has no known significant industrial users, DEQ finds that only TBELs and *E. coli* are pollutants of concern requiring an effluent limit.